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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Conf. No. 1642
Art Unit: 1646
Examiner: M.D. Pak

Re: U.S. Application No. 10/785,109
Filed: February 25, 2004
Title: Novel Proteins and Methods for Producing the Proteins
Applicants: Masaaki GOTO *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16991.017

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. a Response; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16991.017. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures



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In re Application of:

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Response

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2006 ("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Additionally, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

In the Title:

Please delete the title and substitute therefore, the following new title:

Osteoclastogenesis Inhibitory Factor (OCIF) Proteins